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TO : Chief, EE

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FROM : Chief of Base, Berlin

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SUBJECT: GENERAL—Operational/BEDOX, [ ]

SPECIFIC—Return to Berlin of Identity-1 of Separate Cover Attachment

Reference: EGBA-32909

1. As reported in reference, Identity-1 was sent by the MfS to West Berlin on 28 March 1956 and was met by BECRIPPLE-2. During this meeting she confessed her complicity with the MfS to B-2 and was instructed by B-2 on how to conduct herself during contacts with the MfS upon her return to East Berlin. After her visit to West Berlin, her husband, Identity-2, also came to West Berlin and told B-2 he was being sent by the MfS. During the latter meeting with Identity-2, B-2 instructed him not to return to West Berlin again unless both he and Identity-1 came out as refugees. B-2 told Identity-2 he could be considered terminated but that we would assist him and Identity-1 upon their arrival in the West as refugees.

2. Contact Arrangements: On 25 August 1956 at 1330 hours, Identity-1 called the BEKING-13 telephone number and requested to be met. Since BECRIPPLE-2 had just returned from a rather strenuous surveillance and since we have decided, as reported separately, to cut off B-2's contacts with agent personnel in the East, [ ] met with Identity-1. We had BEKING-13 arrange with Identity-1 to be at the Dahlem Dorf U-Bahn Station at 1515 hours and BEKING-13 was to tell Identity-1 that B-2 is no longer available in Berlin, but that she would be met by a colleague of B-2.

3. [ ] met Identity-1 in front of the Station as scheduled and took her by taxi to a low level BOB safehouse. [ ] had gotten Identity-1's physical description from B-2 and simply introduced himself to Identity-1 as a friend of B-2. [ ] had not met Identity-1 previously.

4. Upon arrival at the safehouse, [ ] debriefed Identity-1 on happenings since her last visit to West Berlin as reported in reference. Identity-1 said she took a U-Bahn to Wittenberg Platz after leaving B-2 at Dahlem Dorf on 28 March. After making some purchases there and changing the remainder of the DMW B-2 had given her to DME, she went on by U-Bahn to the Ostbahnhof. There she called her MfS switchboard number from a pay booth and was told to stay in the station waiting

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room until being picked up by her MfS case officers. After meeting the officers she was taken to an office in the Ostbahnhof and debriefed on her meeting with B-2. She claims she was able to hold to the cover story given her by B-2 even though the MfS officers were skeptical of her claim that B-2 seemed to mistrust her. She was released the same evening and told to have Identity-2 come to East Berlin in eight days.

5. Identity-1 told Identity-2 about her confession to B-2 and about her MfS debriefing. Identity-2 went to East Berlin as instructed by the MfS and was sent by them to West Berlin for the 10 April meeting reported in reference. Identity-1 says Identity-2 was also able to hold to the cover story given him by B-2 even though the MfS still did not seem to believe B-2 actually had terminated Identity-2. They thus plied Identity-2 with liquor in their Ostbahnhof office but to no avail, since Identity-2 out-drunk both of them, eventually being let go by two very drunk MfS officers. Since that meeting, Identity-1 claims that neither she nor Identity-2 has been bothered by the MfS. Identity-1 said, however, that although Identity-2 is getting his regular DSU salary, the DSU is not giving him any work to do. The DSU recently sent Identity-2 on vacation and he and Identity-1 are now staying with Identity-2's parents in Gommern.

6. After getting the above details, [ ] told Identity-1 we were very displeased that she had disobeyed our explicit instructions not to come again to West Berlin unless both she and Identity-2 came as refugees. [ ] said his organization had considered all factors prior to making the above decision and the decision was the only one to be made in the case. [ ] said his organization would be willing to assist both Identities 1 and 2 after their arrival in the West, but that each trip made by either Identity-1 or 2 to West Berlin without the knowledge of the MfS could result in extremely unpleasant consequences for both of them. [ ] added that neither Identity-1 nor 2 could expect to be met again unless BEKING-13 heard both their voices on the telephone confirming their presence as refugees. [ ] said his organization ceased being responsible for future trips to West Berlin after the last meeting with Identity-2.

7. Identity-1 accepted [ ] point of view and answered that Identity-2 had sent her only to find out details of the help we would provide them if they did decide to come to the West as refugees. Identity-1 said she and Identity-2 had almost made up their minds to come, but wanted assurances of assistance from us. [ ] told Identity-1 we would see that she and Identity-2 received subsistence while in West Berlin, enabling them to live outside the refugee center; that we would arrange transportation for them to West Germany; that we would assist them in refugee recognition processing and that we would give them a DMW 1,000 settlement. Identity-1 asked if we could find work for Identity-2 in West Germany and [ ] said we could not commit ourselves on this point. [ ] said he had personal knowledge that there are many job openings in the West German inland waterways and that Identity-2 should have no trouble getting employed there. Identity-1 said Identity-2 wants to quit working as a sailor and wants again to work in his profession as a mechanic. [ ] said he did not know about job opportunities for mechanics in the Fedrep and advised Identity-1 that Identity-2 may have to work in inland shipping until he gets settled and until the housing situation in the Fedrep becomes better.

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8. Identity-1 said she thought Identity-2 would accept the above terms and come to the West. She said they would probably arrive in West Berlin on 2 September. [ ] explained to Identity-1 the best ways to come to the West and how to bring personal belongings over. Identity-1 answered that they already had made similar plans and should not have any trouble coming over. [ ] took Identity-1 to an exchange booth and gave her DMW 20.00 for her travel expenses which she was to turn in for DME. [ ] arrived at the above amount after calculating pretty closely Identity-1's actual expenses, since he wanted to impress Identity-1 that she could not expect further financial assistance from us unless she and Identity-2 came to the West. [ ] parted from Identity-1 at 1630 hours.

9. Field Comments: Identities-1 and 2 did not come to West Berlin on 2 September as Identity-1 had intimated. We think the following hypotheses could explain their non-appearance for the reasons stated:

a. Identity-2 is waiting until the very end of his vacation before leaving the DDR. He is very attached to his mother and for this reason he would want to spend as much time with her as possible. Identities 1 and 2 thus may still come to West Berlin within the next two or three weeks.

b. Identity-2 is unsure of getting a job in West Germany and for this reason has decided to stay in the DDR and hope to be forgiven by the DSU hierarchy. We think Identity-2 may be able to work further for the DSU without punishment since he has, in fact, acted as a double for the MfS.

c. Identity-1 may have been sent to us also on this occasion by the MfS merely to find out our resettlement terms for Identity-2. Both [ ] and B-2 tend to discredit this line of reasoning simply because Identity-1 does not have the emotional make-up to fool us. She seemed calm and under no mental strain during the above debriefing.

10. Future Action: As [ ] made perfectly clear to Identity-1, we no longer are responsible for her actions or the actions of Identity-2. [ ] told Identity-1 that if she and Identity-2 decide to stay in the DDR, they will not be met or contacted again by a representative of our organization no matter what transpires. They will be met only after coming here for good as refugees.

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SEPARATE COVER ATTACHMENT to EGBA-35325

~~D~~ Identity-1 is Sonja SCHALWIG nee STAMER, born 24 December 1936  
in Magdeburg, New address: Gommern, Salzstrasse 12.

~~D~~ Identity-2 is Kurt SCHALWIG, born 15 July 1929 in Gommern.  
Present address same as above.

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